

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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Subject

Staff Injuries Inflicted by Patients

Details of enquiry

1. The number of injuries sustained by staff due to patients, in each of the last 5 years.
2. The number of facial injuries sustained by staff due to patients, in each of the last 5 years.
3. The number of eye injuries sustained by staff due to patients, in each of the last 5 years.
4. The number of spitting incidents by patients towards staff, in each of the last 5 years.
5. The total number of days off work taken out by staff due to injuries from patients, in each of the last 5 years.

Response Sent

The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist mental health Trust which provides outpatient psychotherapy services only. The Trust has no reports of any injuries inflicted by patients on staff.

We have recorded instances of staff injuries inflicted by pupils at Gloucester House, a specialist day school run by the Trust for pupils aged 6-14 who have emotional and behavioural difficulties. Please note that the data which follows, relates solely to injuries sustained by Gloucester House staff from its pupils:

In view of the above the questions, which follow, have been modified, where indicated, to read "pupils" in place of the originally stated "patients".

1. The number of injuries sustained by staff due to its **PUPILS** ~~patients~~, in each of the last 5 years.
April 2013 - March 2014: 80
April 2014 - March 2015: 99
April 2015 – March 2016: 56
April 2016 – March 2017: 159 (x100% increase in pupils)
April 2017 – March 2018: 140
2. The number of facial injuries sustained by staff due to its **PUPILS** ~~patients~~, in each of the last 5 years.
Our records do not show this detail
3. The number of eye injuries sustained by staff due to its **PUPILS** ~~patients~~, in each of the last 5 years.
Our records do not show this detail
4. The number of spitting incidents by patients towards its **PUPILS** ~~patients~~, in each of the last 5 years.

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5. The total number of days off work taken out by staff due to injuries from its PUPILS patients, in each of the last 5 years.
2 days taken off work.